

Arizona State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

REGULAR MEETING February 23, 2005

Board Members Present:

Deborah Malone, L.Ac., Chairman
Martha Grout, M.D., Secretary (arrived at 1:05 p.m.)
Toni Karnas, Public Member
Della Estrada, L.Ac. Professional Member
Don Nichols, Public Member
Yong Deng, L.Ac. Professional Member
Cesar Quintana, Professional Member (arrived at 1:05 p.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Dana Price, L. Ac. Professional Member
Joan Heskett, Public Member

Attorney General Representative:

Lisa Burns, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff:

Allen Imig, Executive Director

I. Call to Order

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

II. Board Meeting Minutes - Review, Discussion, and Action

Don Nichols made a motion to approve the January 26, 2005 regular meeting minutes.
Ms. Karnas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

III. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action

A. Previously before the Board: UP-2003-01 – Darren Starwynn

The complaint alleges that Mr. Starwynn's resume, that was included with an application for Board approval if a continuing education program indicated he was practicing in Arizona from 1991 to present.

On October 2003, the Board tabled UP-2003-01 until Darren Starwynn completed his licensure application. Mr. Starwynn's licensure application is now complete.

The Executive Director summarized for the Board complaint UP-2003-01.

The matter was tabled until later in the meeting giving Mr. Starwynn an opportunity to show up and address the Board.

Mr. Starwynn arrived and addressed the Board. He explained that due to inefficiency at his office and it was an old resume from about seven years ago. The resume got mixed up on the hard drive and an error he regrets happened. Mr. Starwynn said he updated the resume and gave it to his staff. Mr. Starwynn said he had not been practicing acupuncture.

Dr. Grout made a motion to approve licensure and simultaneously issue a non-disciplinary letter of concern regarding the complaint in that there was the appearance of practicing without a license.

Ms. Estrada seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 2 with Mr. Nichols and Ms. Karnas voting nay.

IV. Consideration of Candidates for licensure and Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

The matter was tabled until later in the meeting giving Mr. Starwynn an opportunity to show up and address the Board.

Mr. Starwynn addressed the Board and explained why it took so long to complete his license application.

Mr. Starwynn's license was approved simultaneously with agenda item V.

V. Consideration of Candidates for licensure and Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

Acupuncture License

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve licensure for:

Jean M. Brennan
Steven H. Gomberg
Mindy Hayden

Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7– 0.

Auricular Certificate

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve licensure for:

Maria Delgado

Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7– 0.

VI. Consideration of Exemption from Continuing Education - Review, Discussion and Action

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the request for exemption from continuing education for Lily Jou, L.Ac. #0231.

Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7– 0.

VII. Professional Business – Review, Discussion and Action

Legislation:

1. Dr. Grout informed the Board about her discussion with Lloyd Wright about the document that AZSOMA passed out two months ago. Dr. Grout suggested that AZSOMA garner physician support for this legislative and the best way to do that was to eliminate the last part of the document.
2. The Executive Director reported that the legislative appropriations committee approved the FY06 – FY07 budget request.

Rules:

1. The Executive Director updated the Board on the preceptorship rules that will be published in the register on Friday the 25th. Final rule making will be next.

VIII. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director reported on the revenue and expenditure report and that projections are right on target.

IX. Future Agenda Items

None were mentioned

X. Future Meeting Dates

March 23, 2005

XI. Call to the Public

There were no requests to speak.

XII. Adjournment

Chairman Malone made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Imig
Executive Director